

The background of the poster is a photograph of a beach scene. In the foreground, there is a grassy dune with a wooden fence. In the middle ground, several people are walking on the sandy beach. In the background, the ocean waves are breaking. The entire image has a blue color cast.

SOUTH CAROLINA **Coastweeks** 2006

**Fun Events from The Grand Strand
to the Lowcountry and beyond!**

Each fall, this country observes Coastweeks, a celebration of our coastal resources. Since South Carolina has some of the most beautiful beaches and wetlands in the country, it is only natural that we have one of the largest and best Coastweeks celebrations.

As you participate, we hope you gain a greater appreciation of our coastal resources. Learn something, but above all, enjoy yourself.

September 16, 2006 - October 7, 2006

DATES

Coast Weeks 2006

Daily or Variable Time Events

Fishing Charters

Beachwalk

Secrets of the Salt Marsh

Ocean Sightseeing

Dolphin Watching

Saltwater Marsh Tour

Coastal Photography Contest
(enter by September 30, 2006)

September 16

Beach Sweep
State Wide

ACE Basin Tour
Beaufort County

Wambaw Creek Swamp Paddle
and Float
Berkeley County

Swamp Sweep
Berkeley County

Bull Island Beach Sweep
Charleston County

Black River Swamp Nature
Preserve Kayaking
Georgetown County

Myrtle Beach State Park Beach Sweep
Horry County

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Introduction to Kayak Rolling
Charleston County

Huntington Beach Salt Marsh Kayaking
Georgetown County

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Pinckney Island Wildlife Refuge Walk
Beaufort County

Creek Sweep – Shem Creek
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Black River Swamp Nature
Preserve Kayaking
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Beaufort County

Beach Walk
Beaufort County

Dolphin Nature Cruise
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Creek Sweep – Folly Creek
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Sandy Island Wildlife Refuge Kayaking
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Charleston County

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Charleston County

Canoe and Kayak Sampler
Charleston County

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Butterfly Walk and Talk
Berkeley County

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Georgetown County

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Beaufort County

Pinckney Island Wildlife Refuge Walk
Beaufort County

Chicora Wood Plantation Kayaking
Georgetown County



September 27

ACE Basin Tour
Beaufort County

Beach Walk
Beaufort County

Dolphin Nature Cruise
Beaufort County

Black River Swamp Nature Preserve Kayaking
Georgetown County

Wednesday Warblers
Horry County

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Beach Walk
Beaufort County

Pinckney Island Wildlife Refuge Walk
Beaufort County

Black River Swamp Nature Preserve Kayaking
Georgetown County

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Dolphin Nature Cruise
Beaufort County

Lagoon Kayaking
Beaufort County

BBQ Cook Off
Berkeley County

Black River Swamp Nature Preserve Kayaking
Georgetown County

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ACE Basin Tour
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ACE Basin Bird Walk
Beaufort County

Quenby Creek Sweep and Kayak/Canoe Tour
Berkeley County

National Estuaries Day
Charleston County

Huck Finn Children's Fishing Festival
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Bike to the Boardwalk
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October 1

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Pinckney Island Wildlife Refuge Walk
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Kayak Sampler
Charleston County

Black River Swamp Nature Preserve Kayaking
Georgetown County

October 4

Beach Walk
Beaufort County

Dolphin Nature Cruise
Beaufort County

Black River Swamp Nature Preserve Kayaking
Georgetown County

October 5

Beach Walk
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Pinckney Island Wildlife Refuge Walk
Beaufort County

Creek Sweep – Morgan Creek
Charleston County

Sandy Island Wildlife Refuge Kayaking
Georgetown County

Fishes of the North Inlet
Georgetown County

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Beaufort County

Dolphin Nature Cruise
Beaufort County

Caw Caw Sunset/Moonrise Paddle
Charleston County

Sandy Island Wildlife Refuge Kayaking
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Bluegrass Festival
Berkeley County

Full Moon Capers Island Camping Trip
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Botany Bay Kayak Tour
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Shorebirds of Kiawah Island
Charleston County

Canoeing the Edisto River
Charleston County

Chicora Wood Plantation Kayaking
Georgetown County

BEAUFORT COUNTY

Ace Basin Tours

September 16, 20, 23, 27, 30
October 7

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
ACE Basin, Beaufort

Enjoy a three hour history and nature tour aboard the Dixie Lady – a 38', 40-passenger pontoon boat.

For more information, contact Captain Stan Lawson toll free at (866) 521-3099. Sponsored by ACE Basin Tours. <http://www.acebasintours.com>

Fishing Offshore

September 16 - October 7
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. departure
Port Royal Landing Marina

Bring the family and come enjoy a day of fishing aboard a fast and stable 35-foot vessel with lots of fishing area and a comfortable cabin. Four to 10 hour cruises available. All equipment will be provided and the captain will clean your fish. All participants should bring food, drinks, sunscreen, and wear non-slip shoes. Trips available for up to six people. Reservations are required. Times and cost vary by trip selected.

For more information, contact "Captain Wally" at (843) 525-1174. <http://www.seawolfcharter.com>

Pinckney Island Wildlife Refuge Walk

September 19, 21, 26, 28
October 3-5
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Pinckney Island

A walking tour of this National Wildlife Refuge allows participants to view maritime forest, salt marsh and freshwater pond ecosystems and the wildlife associated with each area. The rich history of the island is discussed in relation to its current use as a refuge. Wildlife management techniques can also be seen which allows a better understanding of how government is trying to preserve these areas for the future. Open to all ages. Be sure to bring sunscreen, hat, drinking water and good walking shoes. Rates: \$12 for adults, \$7 for children from 6-12. Advanced registration required.

For more information contact the Coastal Discovery Museum at (843) 689-6767. Sponsored by the Coastal Discovery Museum. <http://www.coastaldiscovery.org>

Beach Walk

September 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28
October 3, 4, 5
Times vary.

Hilton Head Island

This event is a long-time favorite of island visitors and residents alike. This tour includes a walk of a mid-island beach to the Folly, a tidal inlet creek. Along the way, participants will learn about the forces shaping the beach, the importance of dunes, the roles played by many sea creatures and enjoy lots of time for hands-on studying of shells and other denizens of the beach. The tour departs from Burkes Beach on Hilton Head Island. Open to all ages. Be sure to bring sunscreen, hat and drinking water. Rates: \$12 for adults, \$7 for children 6-12. Advanced registration required.

For more information call (843) 689-6767.

This event is sponsored by the Coastal Discovery Museum. <http://www.coastaldiscovery.org>

Dolphin Nature Cruise

September 20, 22, 27, 29
October 4, 6
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Hilton Head Island

This cruise allows participants to view the habitats and learn more about the bottlenose dolphin and other sea creatures in the area. Preserved specimens are used to examine the diversity of the region. The cruise departs from Broad Creek Marina on Hilton Head Island. Open to all ages. Rates: \$18 for adults, \$12 for children 1-12. Advanced registration is required.

For more information contact the Coastal Discovery Museum at (843) 689-6767. Sponsored by the Coastal Discovery Museum. <http://www.coastaldiscovery.org>

Lagoon Kayaking

September 23, 29
October 6
9:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Hunting Island State Park

Become one with the water during a paddling excursion in Hunting Island's tidal lagoon. Kayaking is one of the best ways to see wildlife! Certified instructors will teach the basic skills of paddling. Then we'll get our feet wet as we put in for a quiet paddle around the lagoon. All equipment is provided

by the Kayak Farm. Be sure to bring water and a snack. No experience necessary. Open to ages 6 and up. Reservations are required.

Please contact Hunting Island State Park for details at (843) 838-7437. Sponsored by Hunting Island State Park. <http://www.southcarolinaparks.com>

ACE Basin Bird Walk

September 30
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
ACE Basin

The ACE Basin is one of the best places for bird watching in South Carolina. In fact, it is possible to see over 100 bird species in the ACE Basin in just one day! Bald eagles, wood storks, great blue herons, snowy egrets, tree swallows and black-necked stilts are just a few of the birds that are commonly seen on our trips. If you are interested in learning more about birds, please join us! Binoculars will be provided for all participants. Open to ages 6 and up. Advanced registration required.

For additional information, contact Jeff Mollenhauer at (843) 953-9809. Sponsored by the S.C. Department of Natural Resources. <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/>

Beachwalk

Call for date and time
Hunting Island State Park

Meet at the Lighthouse Gift Shop for a guided tour of the beach. As the tide ebbs, we'll search for seashells, shark teeth and other treasures brought in by the tide. This tour is one hour long. For more information, contact Hunting Island Nature Center at (843) 838-7437. Sponsored by the Hunting Island State Park. <http://www.southcarolinaparks.com>

Secrets of the Salt Marsh

Call for date and time
Hunting Island State Park

Meet at the Marsh Boardwalk to explore one of the most productive ecosystems in the world during this walk along our boardwalk over the marsh. This program is one hour long. For more information, contact Hunting Island Nature Center at (843) 838-7437. Sponsored by the Hunting Island State Park. <http://www.southcarolinaparks.com>

BERKELEY COUNTY

Swamp Sweep

September 16, 2006
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Biggin Creek

It's that time of year again to clean out the waterways of garbage and debris. Join with thousands of volunteers worldwide in this annual coastal and river clean-up. We will be working out of canoes in Biggin Creek and the old canal and will clean along the banks of other areas. Open to all ages. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Be sure to bring your own dip net, lunch, water and gloves. Advanced registration required.

For additional information, contact Mary Bell at (843) 899-5200. Sponsored by the Old Santee Canal Park.
<http://www.oldsanteecanalpark.org>

Wambaw Creek Swamp Paddle and Float

September 16
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Wambaw Creek

See towering cypress trees in a pristine Blackwater Swamp basin deep in the heart of the Francis Marion National Forest. Neo-tropical songbirds, wetland wading birds, barred owls and swallow-tailed kites fill the air. Once home to the (thought to be extinct) ivory-billed woodpecker, we'll paddle in an area where it was last seen. A pure and protected wilderness area captivates you with only the sounds of nature to be heard. University-degreed guides interpret flora and fauna along the way. Reduced rate is \$45/ages 13 and up, \$35/ages 12 and under. Reservations required. The swamp is located 45 mins. from downtown Charleston.

For additional information, contact Nature Adventures Outfitters at 1-800-673-0679. Sponsored by Nature Adventures Kayak & Canoe Outfitters.
<http://www.natureadventuresoutfitters.com>

Butterfly Walk and Talk

September 24
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Moncks Corner

September is one of the best times of year to see butterflies in South Carolina. This program will begin with a brief discussion and a look at live and pinned specimens in the classroom. Then we'll scan wildflowers and woods

for adults and larvae. Bring your close-focus binoculars and field guides if you have them. Insect repellent might be needed. In case of rain, the talk will still take place but the walk won't. Recommended for ages 10 years and up. Advanced registration required. Free with paid park admission.

For additional information, contact Dwight Williams at (843) 553-0515. Sponsored by Cypress Gardens.
<http://www.cypressgardens.info>

10th Annual BBQ Cook-Off

September 29
6:00 p.m. – 11 p.m.
Old Santee Canal Park

Everyone is invited to attend the Tenth Annual BBQ Cook-Off sponsored by the Moncks Corner and Saint Stephen Lions Club. Enjoy great food and music. Tickets sold at the gate. Price TBA.

For additional information, contact Mary Bell at (843) 899-5200. Sponsored by the Old Santee Canal Park.
<http://www.oldsanteecanalpark.org>

Quenby Creek Sweep and Kayak/Canoe Tour

September 30
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Cooper River

Join us for a "creek sweep" of our beautiful and historic Quenby Creek River and Rice Plantation tour. After cleaning the landing and creek area, we'll take you down the east branch of the Cooper River to the 300-year old Pompion Hill Chapel. Reflective of the rice era 300 years ago, you'll see antebellum plantations and abandoned rice fields full of wildflowers. See shy and elusive alligators, egrets, herons and possibly eagles and endangered swallow-tailed kites. Reduced rates offered to creek sweepers: \$40/ages 13 and up, \$20/ages 12 and under. Visa/MC accepted. Includes university-degreed naturalist guided tour and all equipment.

For more information, contact Nature Adventures Outfitters at 1-800-673-0679. Sponsored by Nature Adventures Kayak & Canoe Outfitters.
<http://www.natureadventuresoutfitters.com>

7th Annual Pickin' in the Park

October 7
Time TBA
Old Santee Canal Park
Reserve the day for some old-fashioned bluegrass music during this annual fall event. Enjoy good food (sorry, no coolers) while you listen to an afternoon of great music. Bring your lawn chairs and the entire family. Bands TBA. Last band starts at 8 p.m. Ticket prices TBA.

For additional information, contact Mary Bell at (843) 899-5200. Sponsored by the Old Santee Canal Park.
<http://www.oldsanteecanalpark.org>

Full Moon Capers Island Overnight Camping Trip

October 7
11:00 a.m. (Sat.) – 9:30 a.m. (Sun.)
Capers Island

Celebrate the finale of Coastweeks with us on a wonderful overnight camping trip to beautiful Capers Island Heritage Preserve! We'll paddle out with the tide and spend the night on the island under the full moon. Our naturalists will take you on a beach and shelling tour and afterwards, we'll have a campfire cookout and marshmallow roast. Wake up to breakfast the next morning...ALL included! We'll take your gear out for you with our motorboat so you won't have to paddle anything by yourself. One price includes everything – all food, equipment, and fully guided services. Reduced celebration prices: \$75/ages 15 and up, \$55/ages 14 and under. Visa/MC accepted. Reservations required.

For additional information, contact Nature Adventures Outfitters at 1-800-673-0679. Sponsored by Nature Adventures Kayak & Canoe Outfitters.
<http://www.natureadventuresoutfitters.com>

CHARLESTON COUNTY

Bull Island Beach Sweep

September 16
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Garris Landing

Join us aboard the "Island Cat" as we make a beach landing on Bull Island's north end to sweep it clean! Enjoy South Carolina's most pristine wilderness as we work to keep it that way. Free for all ages. Advanced registration required.

For additional information, contact Coastal Expeditions at (843) 881-4582. This event is sponsored by Coastal Expeditions.
<http://www.coastalexpeditions.com/>

Introduction to Kayak Rolling

September 18, 20, 22
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Mon./Wed.)
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (Fri.)
Charleston

Kayaking challenges paddlers many ways. Rolling is the greatest self-rescue tool a kayaker has and also sharpens other boating skills. Small pool classes ensure your comfort throughout the process. Open to ages 16 and up. Registration required. Minimum enrollment required by September 15.

For additional information, contact Charleston County Parks at (843) 795-4FUN. Sponsored by Charleston County Parks.
<http://www.ccprc.com>

Creek Sweep – Shem Creek

September 19
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Mount Pleasant

The best way to pick up trash out of the marsh is from a kayak at high tide! Join Coastal Expeditions' staff for a fun-filled evening of creek cleaning. Free for all ages. Advanced registration required.

For additional information, contact Coastal Expeditions at (843) 884-7684. Sponsored by Coastal Expeditions.
<http://www.coastalexpeditions.com/>

Creek Sweep – Folly Creek

September 20
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
James Island Outpost

The best way to pick up trash out of the marsh is from a kayak at high tide! Join Coastal Expeditions' staff for a fun-filled evening of creek cleaning. Free for all ages. Advanced registration required.

For additional information, contact Coastal Expeditions at (843) 884-7684. Sponsored by Coastal Expeditions.
<http://www.coastalexpeditions.com/>

Seining as the Sun Goes Down

September 23
5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.
Isle of Palms State Park

Gain a new perspective on creatures of the surf zone. Anchovy, pompano, kingfish, stingray, crabs and even a squid have shown up in our net. Come out and meet some of your wave-bound neighbors. Open to ages 6 and up. Registration required. Minimum enrollment required by September 20.

For additional information, contact Charleston County Parks at (843) 795-4FUN. Sponsored by Charleston County Parks.
<http://www.ccprc.com>

Canoe and Kayak Sampler

September 23
9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.
James Island County Park

Learn how fun and easy canoeing and kayaking is for the whole family. This hands-on class introduces basic strokes and equipment before giving families a chance to paddle a variety of kayaks and canoes. Open to ages 8 and up. Registration required. Minimum enrollment required by September 20.

For additional information, contact Charleston County Parks at (843) 795-4FUN. Sponsored by Charleston County Parks.
<http://www.ccprc.com>

Sewee Indian Ruins and Bulls Bay Kayak Tour

September 23
9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Cape Romain

Led by university-degreed naturalists, you'll paddle on the backside of the barrier islands of the Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge into the National Forest. Here you'll visit 4,000 year old Indian ceremonial rings and the national historic register and your guide will show you artifacts from the Sewee Tribe and other coastal plain Indians. After visiting the ruins, we'll paddle onward to have lunch and then out to beautiful Bulls Bay to see the commercial oyster beds and barrier islands. The site is located 30 mins. from downtown Charleston. Rates: \$55/ages 13 and up, \$35/ages 12 and under. Visa/MC accepted. Reservations required.

For additional information, contact Nature Adventures Outfitters at 1-800-673-0679. Sponsored by Nature Adventures Kayak & Canoe Outfitters.
<http://www.natureadventuresoutfitters.com>

National Estuaries Day

September 30
10:00 a.m.

Edisto Interpretive Center
Celebrate National Estuaries Day with multiple events including boat trips into the ACE Basin on the SCDNR education vessel RV Discovery, children's programs about the salt marsh and marsh animals, talks on natural resources and their importance to the health of estuaries, demonstrations and information tables. Reservations required for the boat ride. Contact Elizabeth Vernon at (843) 953-9359.

For more information, contact Louie Heyward (843) 953-9156 or Rebekah Szivak (843) 953-9024. Sponsored by the S.C. Department of Natural Resources.
<http://www.dnr.sc.gov/estuariesday/>

Huck Finn Children's Fishing Festival

September 30
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Colonial Lake in Charleston

Come test your fishing skills and luck at the Colonial Lake Huck Finn Fishing Festival! This event is open to children ages 4-12 accompanied by an adult. Awards will be given to the top finishers in each age group (4-6, 7-9, 10-12). Other prizes will be awarded during a raffle at the end of the event. There is a \$3.00 fee per child. For more information, contact Matt Olson at (843) 965-4002. Sponsored by the City of Charleston Department of Recreation.
<http://www.charlestoncity.info>

Tour of Bulls Island with Rudy Mancke

October 1
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Cape Romain NWR

This is an annual fund-raiser for the SEWEE Association, the friend's group for National Wildlife Refuges and Forest of Coastal South Carolina. We will provide ferry transportation to Bulls Island, then participants will be able to tour the island on refuge trucks with Rudy Mancke interpreting the flora and

fauna found on this protected barrier island. Participants will also receive lunch and get to see the renovations to the Dominick House on the Island. All proceeds from this event benefit the environmental education programs of the SEWEE Association and our federal partners. Cost for the day is \$75 per person, which is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Open to adults. Advanced registration required.

For additional information, contact the Sewee Visitors Center at (843) 928-3368. Sponsored by the SEWEE Association.
<http://www.fws.gov/seweecenter/association.htm>

Kayak Sampler

October 3
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
James Island County Park

Try before you buy! Discover kayaking from friendly, knowledgeable instructors on protected waters. After an introduction to the basic equipment, you'll have a chance to try a wide variety of kayaks. Open to ages 16 and up. Registration required. Minimum enrollment required by September 29.

For additional information, contact Charleston County Parks at (843) 795-4FUN. Sponsored by Charleston County Parks.
<http://www.ccprc.com>

Creek Sweep - Morgan Creek

October 5
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Isle of Palms Marina

The best way to pick up trash out of the marsh is from a kayak at high tide! Join Coastal Expeditions' staff for a fun-filled evening of creek cleaning. Free for all ages. Advanced registration required.

For additional information, contact Coastal Expeditions at (843) 884-7684. Sponsored by Coastal Expeditions.
<http://www.coastalexpeditions.com/>

CawCaw Sunset/Moonrise Paddles

October 6
5:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.
Caw Caw Interpretive Center
Enjoy an interpretive paddle at dusk.

Witness the sun as it slips below the trees of Caw Caw Swamp followed by the moonrise over Tea Farm Creek. Open to ages 9 and up. Registration required. Minimum registration required by October 3.

For additional information, contact Charleston County Parks at (843) 795-4FUN. Sponsored by Charleston County Parks.
<http://www.ccprc.com>

Botany Bay Kayak Tour

October 7
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
CCPRC Headquarters

We'll launch from Cherry Point and paddle to a local dolphin playground. Keep your eyes open for dolphin sightings! After lunch on the beach, we'll return with the incoming tide. Open to ages 16 and up. Advance registration required. Minimum enrollment required by October 4.

For additional information, contact Charleston County Parks at (843) 795-4FUN. Sponsored by Charleston County Parks.
<http://www.ccprc.com>

Shorebirds of Kiawah Island

October 7
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Beachwalker Park

If you think shorebirds are hard to identify, join Perry Nugent as he points out different species and helps you look for identifying characteristics at beautiful Kiawah Island. Open to ages 16 and up. Registration required. Minimum enrollment required by October 4.

For additional information, contact Charleston County Parks at (843) 795-4FUN. Sponsored by Charleston County Parks.
<http://www.ccprc.com>

Canoeing the Edisto River

October 7
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
CCPRC Headquarters

Joins us for a day of fun on the Edisto River and bring mom or dad! Learn basic canoe strokes before embarking on your day floating downstream.

Open to ages 8 and up. Registration required. Minimum enrollment required by October 4.

For additional information, contact Charleston County Parks at (843) 795-4FUN. Sponsored by Charleston County Parks.
<http://www.ccprc.com>

COLLETON COUNTY

National Estuaries Day

September 30
Bennett's Point
8:00 a.m.

Celebrate National Estuaries Day by touring the facility, bird watching on Bear Island, and riding bikes down Bennett's Point road with Coastal Cyclists. Reservations required for the bike ride. Contact Charles Fox at (843) 740-7200.

For more information, contact Louie Heyward at (843) 953-9156 or Rebekah Szivak at (843) 953-9024. Sponsored by the S.C. Department of Natural Resources.
<http://www.dnr.sc.gov/estuariesday/>

National Estuaries Day

September 24
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Bennett's Point

Learning about estuaries has never been more fun! Come celebrate National Estuaries with the S.C. Department of Natural Resources for an unforgettable educational experience. Hop onboard the E/V Discovery and learn about animals and plants that live in the ACE Basin. Adults and children over 10 are invited to attend. Advanced registration is required.

For additional information and to register, please contact Elizabeth Vernon at (843) 953-9359 or vernone@mdr.dnr.state.sc.us. This event is sponsored by the S.C. Department of Natural Resources.

GEORGETOWN COUNTY

Sandy Island Wildlife Refuge Kayaking

September 21, 22
October 5, 6
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Murrells Inlet

Kayak across Waccamaw River to Sandy Island for a walk along the scrub oak sand ridges of one of America's newest National Wildlife Refuges. Colorful songbirds, turtles and abundant plant life abound. Moderate physical ability but no prior kayaking experience is necessary to participate. Open to all ages. Tour costs are \$55 per person. Children under 13 cost \$35 when accompanied by a parent.

For more information, contact Bill Unger at (843) 546-4840. Sponsored by Black River Outdoors Center & Expeditions. <http://www.blackriveroutdoors.com>

Black River Swamp Nature Preserve Kayaking

September 16, 19, 20, 27, 28, 29, 30
October 3, 4
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Sept. 19, 20, 27, 28, 29; Oct. 3, 4)
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Sept. 16, 30)
Georgetown

Paddle kayaks deep into the tupelo-cypress swamps fed by the black waters of the Black River. Explore remote beaver ponds and land on hidden islands where few humans have ever gone. Watch for swamp canaries, cooter turtles and arboreal orchids. Moderate physical ability but no prior kayaking experience is necessary to participate. Open to all ages. Tour costs are \$55 per person. Children under 13 cost \$35 when accompanied by a parent.

For more information, contact Bill Unger at (843) 546-4840. Sponsored by Black River Outdoors Center & Expeditions. <http://www.blackriveroutdoors.com>

Huntington Beach Salt Marsh Kayaking

September 18, 25
October 2
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Murrells Inlet

Paddle through spartina grass creeks around mysterious Drunken Jack Island to the sandy beaches of historic Magnolia Beach. View sea turtles and shore birds feeding, and see alligators basking in freshwater lagoons leading to Atalaya Castle. Moderate physical ability but no prior kayaking experience is necessary to participate. Open to all ages. Advanced reservation required. Tour cost is \$30 per person.

For more information, contact Huntington Beach State Park at (843) 235-8755. Sponsored by Black River Outdoors Center & Expeditions and Huntington Beach State Park. <http://www.blackriveroutdoors.com>

Chicora Wood Plantation Kayaking

September 26
October 7
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 PM (Sept. 26)
10:00 A.M- 3:00 p.m. (Oct. 7)
Plantersville

Kayak creeks and canals lined with antebellum dikes and trunk gates flooding vast ricefield impoundments. View the mysterious remains of the Prince Frederick Episcopal Church and learn the legend of Gunn tower. Moderate physical ability but no prior kayaking experience is necessary to participate. Open to all ages. Advanced registration required. Tour costs are \$55 per person. Children under 13 cost \$35 when accompanied by a parent.

For more information, contact Bill Unger at (843) 546-4840. Sponsored by Black River Outdoors Center & Expeditions. <http://www.blackriveroutdoors.com>

Bike to the Boardwalk

September 30
9:30-12:00
Georgetown

Travel by bike on gravel roads through the forests of Hobcaw to the Reserve's salt marsh boardwalk for a salt marsh exploration and a tour of the facilities at USC's Baruch Marine Field Laboratory. Be sure to bring your bike, water, and bug spray. Open to all ages. Advance registration required.

For additional information, contact Beth Thomas at (843) 546-6219 ext. 248. Sponsored by the North Inlet-Winyah Bay Estuarine Reserve. <http://www.northinlet.sc.edu>

Fishes of North Inlet

October 5
10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Georgetown

Help scientists with a long-term biological study of North Inlet. Collect a sample of fish, crabs and shrimp and help sort, identify and measure your catch! Old clothes and sneakers or boots are commended. Limited to 10 participants. Children 10 or younger must be accompanied by an adult. Advanced registration required.

For additional information, contact Beth Thomas at (843) 546-6219 ext. 248. Sponsored by the North Inlet-Winyah Bay Estuarine Reserve. <http://www.northinlet.sc.edu>

Ocean Sightseeing

Call for schedule
Murrells Inlet

Depart from historic Murrells Inlet, passing through the tranquil natural beauty of a saltwater marsh, and out into the majestic Atlantic Ocean. You will cruise up the shoreline of the Grand Strand, seeing the Myrtle Beach skyline from the ocean, watching the sunset at sea and return with the sights of the lights from the shore. A memorable event for the entire family. The tour is approximately 2 hours long. The cost is \$17 for adults and \$7 for children ages 6 - 12 years and free for children under 6 with an adult. Reservations are required.

For more information, contact Capt. Dicks at (843) 651-3676 or (843) 651-1212. <http://www.captidicks.com>

Dolphin Watching

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The dolphin watch goes aboard the "OSPREY" a high-speed rigid aluminum inflatable vessel well suited for dolphin watching. Tour emphasizes the ecology, wildlife, and beauty of the coast. The cruise host will talk to you about dolphins in the wild and explain the search methods while looking for other things such as Osprey, Egrets, Herons, and Eagles. Remember, this is a fun and adventure trip on the ocean for all ages, so sunscreen and sunglasses are a good idea. You could get wet from the wave spray so dress comfortably. The cost is \$25 for adults and \$17 for children under 12. Reservations are required.

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Saltwater Marsh Explorer Adventure

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It's the Grand Strand's most popular ecology trip. Discover the world of "Marine Wonderland", a 2-1/2 hour boat journey guided by a marine naturalist. Experience the vital, living habitat that is home to hundreds of fascinating mysterious marine creatures. Learn their spellbinding secrets, kept hidden and waiting just beneath the surface of the water! Our discovery experience is an opportunity to participate in fun filled outdoor activities! See a demonstration of Salt Water Marsh fishing and crabbing. Exploring a nearby beach in search of "treasures". This is the real thing, not a zoo or aquarium. The cost is \$19 for adults and \$11 for children 12 and under. Reservations are required. Participants should bring a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, tennis or boat shoes, small bag for collecting shells, and dress according to weather.

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HORRY COUNTY

Beach Sweep

September 16
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Myrtle Beach State Park

Help sweep our beach clean and make it safe for wildlife and more beautiful for you, the visitor! We will clean the beach for 2 hours then have a raffle drawing of prizes donated by local businesses. Drinks will be provided. Be sure to wear shoes and bring gloves. Meet in Shelter B2 at 9:00.

For additional information, contact Ann Malys Wilson at (843) 238-0874. Sponsored by the Myrtle Beach State Park.
<http://www.southcarolinaparks.com>

Wednesday Warblers

September 27
8:00 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Myrtle Beach State Park
The fall migration is underway and the maritime forest of the park comes alive with the vibrant colors of tanagers, warblers, orioles and much more! Be sure to bring your binoculars or rent them for \$1 donation. Open to ages 10 and up. Cost is \$5, which includes admission to the park.

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STATEWIDE

Beach Sweep/River Sweep

Saturday September 16
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Beach Sweep/River Sweep is South Carolina's largest, one-day litter cleanup of beaches and waterways. Are you concerned about litter trashing sensitive ecosystems? Then join thousands of like-minded volunteers for the 18th annual Beach Sweep/River Sweep. Last year, over 56 tons of debris were collected, but there's still more to be done. All ages are encouraged to participate. Beach Sweep/River Sweep is part of The Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup, a worldwide effort to eliminate unsightly and dangerous debris.

For additional information, contact Susan Ferris Hill, coastal coordinator, (843) 727-2078 or susan.ferris.hill@scseagrant.org or Alison Krepp, inland coordinator, (843) 953-9335 or bsrs@dnr.sc.gov. A list of coastal site captains is available at <http://www.scseagrant.org/education.htm>. A list of inland site captains is available at <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/water/envaff/river/>

This event is sponsored coastwide by South Carolina SeaGrant and the S.C. Department of Natural Resources.





Coastal Photography Contest

SCDHEC/Office of Ocean and Coastal
Resource Management
Statewide Contest - Entry is Free!
DEADLINE TO ENTER: SEPTEMBER 30

Photographers of all ages and degrees of expertise are invited to enter this annual contest sponsored by DHEC's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management. Photos must be of coastal South Carolina scenes (i.e., marshes, coastal wildlife, boats, recreation, beaches, etc.). Photographs should be colorful and appropriate as an illustration for a tide chart. Photographs must be original, non-published photos. Color photos, CDs with image sheets, and slides are accepted with a limit of five pictures per person. Horizontal orientation is required. The winner of this contest will receive \$200. The winning photo will grace the OCRM's annual Tide Table Poster, which is distributed throughout the Coastal Zone. Submissions will not be returned without self-addressed stamped enveloped. For more information or to submit your photos, contact Dan Burger at (843) 744-5838. Submit your entry to:

Coastal Photo Contest
c/o SCDHEC/OCRM
1362 McMillan Avenue, Suite 400
Charleston, SC 29405



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